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CURRENT COMMENT.

One of our subscribers says he has not had a letter in six weeks. He subscribes to a German paper and has not had a copy in several weeks. He has had no copy of the Chronicle for three weeks, except as he got it at the office. Another subscriber says he gets his Plaindealer alright, but his Chronicle very irregularly. To-day two copies of the same paper, one dated July 2nd and one July 19th, came to hand together.

The Winnipeg Free Press is making a collection of the complaints about the post office to be sent to Hon. Mr. Lamont, on his visit to the west, which is now announced for this fall. If Mr. Lamont stays here long enough to read them all we would suggest that he rent a shack and lay in a supply of coal, hard tack and bacon. We will be happy to forward any complaint sent to the Free Press and will lend it every support in our power in bringing about a needed change in the postal facilities to the west. The subject, so far as the Chronicle is concerned, is entirely outside the realm of party politics. We discussed it vigorously a week ago and now find supporting our contention the Winnipeg Free Press, the Saskatchewan Phoenix, the Calgary Daily News, the Winnipeg Telegram and some smaller newspapers and there will be more following in line just as soon as they wake up and find that it is safe to assail an institution conducted by the government. The government dare not out the publication of the "Honoured Regulations," the standard great it does out and pays for at so much a line to its supporters. The Post Office problem has shown with exceptional distinctness the necessity for and the influence of a fearless, outspoken, independent press.

In his presidential address before the convention of the Dominion Educational Association in Toronto, W. A. McIntyre, L.L.D., said—

"If we should look for strength in any of our national institutions, if we should expect any of them to serve as a great educative force in the State, it should be our Parliament. There is not a day passes in which 44 acts are not held up for public review. Its attitude to truth and honesty, to wronging and injustice, is a perpetual object lesson for young and old. Our public men become the pattern by which young lives are moulded; the standard of morals adopted by Parliament tends to become the rule of the people. It is in vain that patriotism is instilled in the home and in the school if it is not manifested in our legislative halls. And when some of our legislators speak as if it were possible by a few patriotic exercises in the school room to offset the villainy that is rampant in the lobby of Parliament."

It is a very significant fact that at almost every convention of any considerable religious or educational body held thus far this year strong reference has been made to an ever-growing evil. The men expressing such opinions are not men with axes to grind. They are thinkers, capable of expressing an impartial opinion and their appeal for a higher standard of conduct on the part of our public men should furnish food for thought to every right-minded Canadian.

TIME FOR A CHANGE.

(Saskatoon Capital.)

Our local contemporary tries to remark that "that great Liberal party is taking care of Western Canada." To which we reply "Aye, ay, ay." To which many members of that great Liberal party are taking care of the huge chunks of Western Canada—large tracts of farm, timber and coal lands, which were given by that great "Liberal" party for mere titles, while the farmer or miner who desires to purchase an acre charter-section must pay tribute to the great "Liberal" party in the shape of long profits. Yes, the Liberal party is always busy taking care of Western Canada—so very busy that they have allowed the people to freeze last winter, while at the present time the great "Liberal" government—what is left of it after many years—has been reduced to a skeleton of a government, and the people are too busy organizing local resolutions in Quebec, for which the people pay, to care much whether the

letter on the prairie of Western Canada is given that adequate mail service to which he is entitled and which he would have if the money voted for the needs of the country were expended for that purpose instead of going to enrich political hacks for services at election campaigns. But the average man in Western Canada knows by bitter experience what a miserable failure the present government has made of the administration of the postal department. He is familiar with the manner in which the remuneration of the country postmaster and the salaries of the letter-carriers have been cut to the last cent in order that the spending departments of the government might deal with political favorites with lavish hands. He knows that, notwithstanding the fact that the total expenditure of Canada has increased from forty million dollars in 1896 to one hundred and forty-five million dollars in the present year, his mail service is little better than it was ten years ago. He knows also that the present occupant of the post office portfolio does not hold that position because of any special qualifications he has, and he does not see any immediate prospect of relief simply because the ill-tongued young-Frenchman who goes by the name of postmaster-general proposes now to make a visit to Western Canada to endeavor to familiarize himself with conditions which he should have been wholly conversant with before he ever attempted to administer a department which at the present day is a thousand years behind the times and whose methods would disgrace any one-hour institution in the West.

The Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux may come, see, and hand out nice talk about our progress, what he has done and what he is going to do. But the general opinion is that the sooner he has a successor in office the better it will be for the country. It is time for a change.

Walter Scott's Attorney General

(Prince Albert Times)

The Hon. J. H. Lamont was in the city for a day last week. He came and blarneyed about the west and blarneyed about the east. All that Prince Albert gets from its representative in the provincial legislature is that smile, but the electors here are getting pretty well used to it. The Attorney General has an idea that about all Prince Albert is entitled to is his smile, and we cordially agree with him. If the people in Prince Albert who elected him had no more interest in his city's welfare than that bland smile would protect, then they will not feel that they are being slighted. If the city had a good representative then we could overlook the means by which Mr. Lamont was elected and his invoking of the law to protect his invoking methods from being investigated. It is still fresh in the minds of the people here that the election of the Attorney General of the province of Saskatchewan was protested on the ground of bribery and corruption. Mr. Lamont, when the case came up for trial, pleaded that there was no law governing bribery and corruption of the electorate and had his plea allowed by the full court. One would have expected the Attorney General of the Province to say: "I will not make a statement which there is the slightest chance of being proved." But those who expected that, didn't know Mr. Lamont. The Attorney General has done for Prince Albert just what Prince Albert could expect, Prince Albert, nothing more and nothing less, but chiefly nothing. He comes up very occasionally with his bland smile and goes away again. Buttford and Saskatoon both received bridges and Regina got the capital, but Prince Albert got and still very occasionally gets the Attorney General's smile. It is difficult to tell which is the worse—the loss of the capital and the bridges, or the getting of the laugh.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND ITS RAILWAYS

(Toronto World.)

Western Australia, the latest but not the least prosperous of the states of the great island continent, has opened this year's session of its parliament under favorable auspices. The speech from the throne was generally optimistic in tone, and it was stated that the land and agricultural banks legislation had been very successful, and that the land settlement was rapidly increasing. The government has placed expert advice in the disposal of persons engaged in general and mixed farming, and dairying. Gold, copper and tin mines continued to advance, the production to date amounting in value to \$385,000,000, on which nearly \$82.5, 000 had been paid.

Australia is well-known for the thoroughness of its public ownership policy, and Western Australia has evidently found the example of the older states worth following in this regard. In his speech the governor intimated that the government were engaged in building the promised agricultural railways, and in connection with the extensive mining and pastoral developments in the northwest, the government had further determined to establish a water supply, and by other measures. Power would also be asked to construct other railways and it was also stated that a new commission of railways, having wide experience of railway management, would be appointed to a higher position. Western Australia is clearly determined to prevent the occurrence of the railway conditions that are causing such serious trouble on this continent. Discriminations, rebates and other incidents of that kind belong to private enterprise—not to ownership has more to do with fair and just dealing in the interests of the community.

SIR WILFRED'S HOME-COMING.

(Telegram.)

The premier of Canada has returned, strengthened physically by his journey abroad and refreshed in mind by his prolonged rest and recreation. He has been for a period free from the toil of government, the responsibilities of office, and the disorder that has come into the heart of the country, which, without his presence, compelled through force of circumstances to perfunctorily acknowledge him as leader.

Whatever may be alleged against Sir Wilfred Laurier as to his industry, his opportunities and his vivacity, he has never been denied that he possesses amiable characteristics, social qualities and a superficial acquaintance with the general principles of the leadership of a party, many of whose conspicuous figures are recklessly ambitious, notoriously self-seeking or conspicuously lacking in high ideals of statesmanship.

Sir Wilfred returned to meet these conditions, without the least adroitness and adaptability of the French-Canadian premier, have grown disquieting to a degree that amounts to antagonism. Sir Wilfred returned to find that Mr. Brown still remains a refugee, and Mr. Brown, an adroit special pleader as he may be, startled by speeches in defence of the Laurier Government that denigrate and make him feel a cynical indifference to the standard of public morality, the people of Canada are now right to expect a minister of justice who would set up.

Mr. Emerson has gone, and the investigation regarding the cause of his resignation has not yet been concluded. Sir Frederick Borden precariously but tenaciously clings to his portfolio, and Clifford Smith shows indications of desiring one.

THE NEW POSTAL SERVICE

The first step to be taken towards any improvement is to locate, as accurately as possible, the defects and shortcomings in the present system. The present state of things has resulted, not from the indifference of the post office but from the fact that the West has grown so marvellously that the old postal machinery has been strained and thrown out of gear, and it is now time to lay over the whole ground and build a new system which will satisfy the demands of the people of the West for an up-to-date service. This the post office department has pledged itself to supply and the postmaster-general is doing West himself this fall to consider the situation on the ground.

What is most necessary at present is the compilation of facts about the present defects, with well considered suggestions of remedial measures for various localities affected. This the Free Press is now preparing to furnish in such volume and minuteness that the post office officials will be able to deal with the matter with promptitude. The Free Press has compiled from its thousands of letters of complaints a considerable number

of specific cases of postal breakdown, and these it has sent to representative bodies and leading citizens in every centre of population throughout the West with a request that a careful analysis of the reasons for the postal defects in their district be furnished, with carefully considered suggestions as to the best remedies to apply. These replies are now coming to hand. Later they will be classified, compared and arranged for the postal defects to be submitted to the post office department in such form as will inevitably result in the immediate adoption of strong remedial measures.

Our readers may be interested in seeing extracts from letters received by the Free Press which we have sent out to all parts of the west, to aid public bodies and correspondents in reaching a decision as to what is to be done to put a summary end to a state of affairs that must be cured, because it can no longer be endured. These letters are to be found on page thirteen; they will bear a careful reading. It will be noted that the complaints are not limited to the non-receipt of newspapers. It might be contended that with a distribution of one of thousands of papers weekly some would be certain to go astray, sufficient to produce a fine crop of complaints, although the percentage of non-deliveries might not be large. It will, however, be noted that many of the communications make note of delay in the handling of letters, the prompt delivery of which is the first duty of a postal service—Winnipeg Free Press.

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War Declared on the Camorra.

(Mail & Empire)

A gratifying sign of the times is the determination of the Italian Government to exterminate the Camorra, the most powerful of the secret societies of the world. The disrepute into which numbers of these societies operating abroad, particularly in the United States, have brought upon their countrymen is no doubt one of the main reasons for the praiseworthy activity of the Italian Minister of the Interior. The Black Hand Society, whose murders in New York have attained almost world-wide notoriety, has been a curse to respectable Italians, and has caused thousands of them to be regarded with unjust suspicion by native born Americans and foreigners from other countries.

A little more than a year ago occurred the event which precipitated the war upon the Camorra. A man named Cusano was found dead, his body covered with stabs and gashes, as happens to victims of the society's vengeance. Soon after, the body of his wife was found, mutilated in the same horrible way, and an investigation showed that the murders had been simultaneous. There was the usual half hearted searches, and some over-zealous young policemen went so far as to arrest a number of suspected persons. They were discharged in due course, as every one expected, and the matter dropped.

After an interval of some months, it was vigorously revived by the Minister of the Interior, who proceeded to lead an investigation, not into the crime itself, but into the conduct of the police. As a result, the Quasimodo, or chief of Naples, was dismissed with several other officials, and the investigation judge was dismissed. Then the Minister placed the case in the hands of the carabinieri, a body half police and half soldiers, that corresponds roughly to our North West Mounted Police, not only in organization, but in the courage and high spirit of its members. Shamefully underpaid as they are, the carabinieri are a loyal and conscientious body of men, who form about the only real protection the country enjoys against the Camorra. They entered on the work with enthusiasm, ten of them being assigned to the Cusano case, and have arrested some hundreds of persons. All members of the Camorra, and all accused of participation or guilty knowledge of the double murder. In Naples this is taken as an intimation that the Government has declared war to the knife on the Camorristi.

Some interesting facts concerning this ancient and formidable society are given in the New York Sun, which thinks the Italian Government has undertaken a task as herculean and praiseworthy in determining to crush it out. There are two divisions of the order, the alta, or high, and the bassa, or low, the former containing one head chief, twelve chiefs of the second grade, and the Camorristi, or full members. The lower section is for the "honored" class, namely those, who are too young for full membership, and the recruits. To the recruits falls most of the dirty work of the order. They do the stabbings, for they are expected to give some signal proof of their courage and depravity before graduating to full membership. According to the Sun's information, members of the Camorra can be identified by tattoo marks drawn on some visible parts of the person, but, lightly, so as to be noticeable only on a close look. The would-be assassin is marked with a straight dotted line at wrist, and when he has won his spurs, another dot is placed above the line. Thenceforth promotion depends upon the heights of villainy to which he can attain. Arrest and imprisonment mean advancement in the order. If they are fined, the order supplies the funds.

The Camorra live on blackmail. It is said that every farmer, every cab driver, every wine shop, every money lender doing business in Naples, is subject to a tax. If it is not paid, the recruit is said to make some unfortunate mistake him, varying from the stabbing of his wife or child to the cutting off of his ears. Complaint to the local police is worse than useless, for not only is no help given, but the society learns of the appeal, and another outrage follows. It is openly charged that the civil police are either afraid of the Camorristi or are in league with them, and this is the reason why the carabinieri have succeeded where the war upon the terrible society. In at least one case a priest was found to be a member of the order and his ramifications penetrate to his parish. Now, however, the king has personally intervened, and the word has gone forth that Italy means to rid herself of the greatest reproach to her civilization.

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Honor in Public Life

(Tribune)
It is a wholesome sign of the times that the same standard of morals is coming to be applied to public as to private life. A public meeting of the citizens of a town in Nova Scotia was recently held apparently for the express purpose of uttering a word of caution with regard to the appointment of the next High Commissioner to Great Britain. A resolution was passed at that meeting expressing the earnest hope that the man selected for this position should be a gentleman of unblemished character, on whose public or private life there was no stain.

The growing concern for the reputation of our public men save an exchange is certainly a healthy sign of our nation's life, and it should be encouraged and cultivated. A man's public and private life cannot be dissociated. The dishonest or immoral man, however clever he may be in the discharge of his official duties, is an unworthy representative of the people, and the sooner this comes to be the universally accepted conviction of people the better for the country in every way.

There ought to be no necessity for such a resolution of caution as that to which we have referred, from any body of citizens. We hope that there was no danger, and that the peril against which they wished to guard was imaginary. For this country to be represented in the highest court of the realm by a man of whose character there rested a stigma, would be a humiliation and a shame which years would not efface. It is to the interest of all classes of citizens to work together for the purifying of public life and for the establishment of one standard of morals for men in all callings and in all positions of life.

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